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The BOSTON Evening-Post.

Containing the freſheſt Advices, Foreign and Domeſtick.

LONDON, Nov. 8.

To the PRINTERS.

YOUR correſpondent Britannicus, in your paper of this day, has very judiciouſly pointed out a remedy for many evils in the adminiſtration of our colonies, in propoſing their being united to the Britiſh lagiſlature, by admitting a proper number of repreſentatives from each colony to have ſeats in the houſe of commons. The more I conſider this project, the more I find it fraught with benefit to the whole community; and there is no law to limit the number of members to juſt 558; and no reaſon why two gentlemen ſhould not repreſent a whole colony, as well as a little Corniſh borough of ten barns and an ale-houſe.

I am aware of one objection, namely, that the great diſtance from their conſtituents will not afford time to the repreſentatives to conſult them in any important caſe; but this may be obviated by each colony or iſland having a committee in London, of gentlemen well verſed in commercial and plantation affairs, to have the ſole charge of their concerns; and to whom the repreſentatives may have immediate recourſe on any emergency.

If any ſhould ſay, that the different intereſts of different colonies would cauſe frequent diſcords among the ſeveral committees at home, it may be anſwered, that that very diſcord would be productive of general good; ſince by expoſing what would be the ſecret or partial intereſt of any one of them, we might come at the truth of what will be beneficial to the whole. *vid, pa. 315, Vol. 2.*

Nov. 5. Your's, &c. A. B

Letter from Capt. Summers to Capt. Smith, dated St. Pierre's Priſon, Martinique, July 26, 1764.

SIR,

"I take the freedom in troubling you with a few lines, relating to an unhappy misfortune I ſome time ago met with. Being bound from New-London in North-America, for the iſland of Dominica, with a cargo of horſes, lumber, fiſh and onions, we unfortunately fell in with the iſland of Martinique in prodigious thick rainy weather; not ſeeing any other land, and having no obſervation for two days before, took it for the iſland Dominica; and hauling in for the land, at the diſtance of near five miles from the land, was taken by the Guarda Coſta of the ſaid iſland, carried to St. Pierre's, in which place they put me and my people in a cloſe priſon, among criminals aud negroes, and at a very ſmall allowance per day; they likewiſe took away the principal part of our cloaths, and confiſcated both veſſel and cargo in a very unjuſt cauſe; and have not only taken away the veſſel and cargo, but laid a heavy fine of 50l. the charges of condemning the veſſel is 50l. more; with the charges of the priſon fees for myſelf and people, the whole amounts to near 250l. which ſum I am not able to diſcharge. I have now been in this cloſe priſon ſix months, and likely to remain much longer, therefore humbly requeſt, dear Sir, at your arrival in London, you will get the heads of this unhappy misfortune inſerted in form in the papers, to inform the public of the ill treatment his Majeſty's ſubjects meet with here. Your compliance with this will much oblige,

Sir, your very obliged humble ſervant,

WILLIAM SUMMERS.

"The contents of my cargo—35 horſes, 1500 lumber, conſiſting of hogſheads, hoops, and ſtaves, 75 barrels fiſh. 2000 bunches onions, 57 water hhds. 12 dozen fowls. 15 ſheep. 5 hogs."

About two years ago died Mr. Robinſon, a tinman, in Gray-inn-lane. This perſon was in general moderate and temperate, as other men; but he had ſome peculiarities.—He uſually pulled off his ſhirt, and laid on the bed, without any ſort of covering, winter and ſummer.—He made no kind of difficulty of eating ten pounds of meat, or he could, if he choſe it, faſt for a month; but the moſt remarkable thing concerning him is, that he could eat or drink three different ſorts of proviſion, and bring up either at his pleaſure, clean, as it went into his mouth, and not mixed as in the ſtomachs of other perſons.

Sir Hans Sloane, and Dr. Mead were of opinion, that he had three ſtomachs. And an eminent ſurgeon would have given him a conſiderable ſum for the liberty of opening his body after his death, but he would not permit it.

Nov. 10. On wedneſday died Mrs. Weſton, who kept the ſhip, a public houſe, near the admiralty. It is aſſerted, ſhe had long imagined ſhe ſhould die on that particular day; and on tueſday ſhe repeated the ſame opinion to her neighbours; and accordingly that evening ſhe looked out a pair of ſheets, &c. to be laid out in, and the next morning at eight o'clock ſhe died.

On thurſday evening a tinker and his trull were apprehended near this city for defrauding a farmer's wife at Hanley, near Upton upon Severn, of a ſum of money, and ſundry wearing-apparel; and, as it may be a caution to other ignorant country people, we ſhall relate the circumſtances of this notorious impoſition:—The tinker's trull came to the farmer's houſe to beg a little drink, and, with a ſignificant ſtare, told the man's wife that ſhe was born to ſee good days, and, if ſhe would appoint a time when her huſband and children were from home, ſhe would tell her fortune. The ſilly woman accordingly fixed this interview at two o'clock, when her huſband would be at work and her children at ſchool. The ſorcereſs appeared at the hour agreed on; and upon coming into the houſe declared there was hidden treaſure, both gold and ſilver, which ſhe could bring to light: "But then, ſays ſhe, what money have you got, for I muſt have gold to fetch gold, and ſilver alone can produce ſilver." The dupe accordingly brought out all the money ſhe was poſſeſſed of, about ſeven guineas in gold, a quarter guinea, and ſome ſilver. "There, ſays the enchantreſs, as you are a poor woman, I return you the quarter guinea and half the ſilver. Now, continned ſhe, I will ſtir up the planets, and on friday night, in ſuch a part of your cellar, ſhall you find the hidden treaſure. Was you ever at the ſacrament?' adds the beldam: To which the terrified ſimpleton replied in the affirmative. 'Why then, ſays ſhe, you muſt take your ſacramental oath never to divulge this ſecret; for, ſhould it be known, I cannot ſtir up the planets, and you will loſe your treaſure, and be damned eternally.' After this ſhe took the woman into the cellar, and made her kneel down and repeat the Lord's Prayer. The poor wretch then, frightened out of her wits, gave to the itinerant every thing ſhe deſired, gowns, caps, &c. as much as ſhe could carry off. When the farmer returned, he found ſomething extraordinary had happened, and his wife coming a little to her ſenſes diſcloſed the whole affair; upon which the tinker and his lady were purſued, and taken at an alehouſe near this city. This is the account which the poor deluded woman gives of the cheat. Theſe itinerants have a child with them, by whoſe means we are in hopes a moſt important diſcovery will be made, which it is not thought adviſeable to mention at preſent.

Upon deliberate examination it appears by our public accounts, that of 3434 perſons inoculated in the inoculating hoſpital, only ten have died; whereas of the number of 6000 and odd having the ſmall pox in the natural way, dying in the ſame hoſpital, upon the loweſt computation it is twenty-five in an hundred. The queſtion is, if in common life this is not ten or twenty per cent. ſhort of the ordinary mortality by the diſeaſe? If ſo, this hoſpital is of great utility, and may be conſidered as preventing contagion. It is paſt all doubt, that inoculation has preſerved many thouſand lives, which probably would have been otherwiſe loſt. But how many have died by means of the contagion created by inoculation is the queſtion: And whence can it ariſe, that as many now die of the ſmall-pox (ſo it is confidently aſſerted) as when inoculation was not in uſe? If inoculations were permitted only in proper places, and inoculating houſes or hoſpitals were properly confined, and the communication with them prevented with all due care and attention, after the manner of Lazarettos, ſhould we not be conſidered gainers? Seeing it is become ſo univerſal a practice to inoculate, ſhould not a phyſician, ſurgeon, and apothecary be appointed to reſide on the ſpot, and be handſomely paid for their trouble? Should we not then find the mortality on this head decreaſe, and the inhabitants, particularly of thoſe cities, be augmented proportionably? The example might take place throughout the whole kingdom, and we ſhould become ſo much a richer and more powerful nation.

On wedneſday morning one Mrs. Wells coming to town from Greenwich, was ſtopped on Blackheath by a fellow dreſſed like a ſailor, who robbed her of ſeven ſhillings and her ſhoe buckles: Being offended that he met with no greater booty, he demanded her wedding-ring, which begging of him not to take, and even ſtruggling to defend, the inhuman villain, with a large claſp knife, cut her finger off, and told her, that was a reward for her obſtinacy. The woman's ſhrieks alarming a confederate of the robber's, who waited at ſome diſtance, he inſtantly came up, and ſeeing what was done, curſed his companion in the heartieſt manner for ſo unneceſſary an act of cruelty, and obliged him to return whatever he had ſtripped her of, bound up her hand in a ſilk handkerchief, and put two guineas in her pocket, towards defraying the expence of a ſurgeon.

It is ſaid Engliſh women are in the greateſt demand in the new ceded iſlands, as the domeſtic buſineſs is, for want of them, wholly committed to negroes. At Liverpool commiſſions have lately come over, to engage white ſervants at any rate.

They write from Paris, that in conſequence of the late royal Edict to apprehend Vagabonds, upwards of 3000 perſons have already been taken up in that city and Suburbs, whoſe method of ſubſiſtance appeared myſterious to the officers of the diſtricts wherein they lived. Children and the infirm are properly diſpoſed in the hoſpitals and workhouſes; but the young and healthy of both ſexes are to be ſent to the King's ſettlements in the Weſt-Indies.

Yeſterday Lord Legonier was at Court at St. James's for the firſt Time ſince his Arrival from Spain, and was moſt graciouſly received.

One of the waiters at the Queen's-arms coffee-houſe, in Pope's-head ally, Cornhill, named Daniel, has had a fortune of 5000l. in money, and about twenty houſes, lately left him by an uncle at Dublin, and he is gone thither to take poſſeſſion.

Laſt week the following odd affair happened: A ſervant maid, who lived at a public houſe at Swanſton in this county, having promiſed marriage to a joiner at Walden, he procured a licence, and repaired to Swanſton on friday morning laſt, in order to celebrate the nuptials; the girl accordingly made preparations for the ceremony, putting on her cloke, &c. but juſt as ſhe was going to church, her maſter, unwilling to loſe ſo good a ſervant, called her into his parlour, and told her he had rather ſhe would ſtay with him; and that, to prevent her being diſappointed of an huſband, he would marry her himſelf. The girl inſtantly complied, and laid by her cloke, &c. to the great mortification of the poor joiner, who had imagined himſelf upon the very verge of happineſs. The girl and her maſter were married the next day.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 28.

Wedneſday laſt a child, about ſix years old, belonging to Mr. Bamper, was run over by a ſleigh, & bruiſed in ſuch a manner that it died immediately.

On tueſday laſt, a ſoldier, and a woman, on board a veſſel in the harbour, bound for Penſacola, fell overboard; the woman was taken up alive, but the ſoldier was drown'd.

Our Weather, which had been very ſevere here for weeks paſt whereby our navigation was in great part ſtopt, was ſo promiſing for the better the fore part of laſt week, that on wedneſday laſt between 12 and 20 ſail of veſſels, after great ſtruggle with the ice, got out of the harbour, and puſh'd away to ſea, a few days before, a ſloop Capt. Leonard, outward bound, carried off one of our Pilots, Mr. William Vandrill, becauſe the Captain could not avoid it in a high gale, when he got to the hook.—But, on friday evening laſt, *Andromeda*, (our northern conſtellation) about ſix o'clock in the evening, gave us another attack in an inſtant; ſo ſevere as to oblige many boats going hence over the bay, to return to port; others jamm'd in the great quantities of ice then driving, left to mercy, of whom we can learn but of one that with great difficulty reached Long-iſland, after attempts had been to no effect made from the city to relieve them. The next day five ſea veſſels attempted to ſqueeſe out, notwithſtanding the continuance of the gale, and increaſe of ice; among which was the Harriot-Packet Boat, Capt. Robinſon, with the mail for Falmouth, but ſhe, like the reſt, was forced back; and, indeed, this laſt blaſt, has put a total ſtop to navigation here for the preſent, our Pilots, it is ſaid, refuſing to take charge of any veſſel downwards, 'till the weather moderates, and our rivers more clear of ice: our bay indeed of nine miles over, being near blocked up, the ice having ſcarce any drift.

Since our last, a vessel from Boston, last from Salem, Stone, master, bound to Maryland, put in here in distress, having been out about 50 days.

Thursday last Mr. Michael M'Gee, and one Mr. Douglass, who had been gunning on Long-Island for some days before, and approaching the water opposite the city, after killing some game, venturing too far in pursuit thereof, both fell in and were drowned.

PROVIDENCE, Rhode-Island, Feb. 2.

A few nights ago, as Mr. John Blackmar, one of the Under Sheriffs for this County, was going from hence to his House in Scituate, he was attacked, about 10 o'clock, before he had proceeded one mile, by a single foot Pad, who suddenly seized the bridle of his Horse, with a Threat demanded his money: On this Mr. Blackmar made several Strokes at him with the Butt End of his Whip, the last of which brought him to the Ground, and he instantly dismounted with Intent to secure him; but the Fellow recovering himself before he could get hold of him, made a precipitate Retreat out of the Road, over Fences & Snow Banks, where a Pursuit with a Horse was impracticable; and thereby this Villain escaped.

HARTFORD, January 28.

Last Saturday was committed to the Goal, in this Town, one William Hamilton (a notorious Offender, who for his past crimes has had both his Ears crop't) on Suspicion of his having lately broken open, and robbed the shop of Mr. David Bissel of Windsor, in Goods, to the Value of Fifty Pounds Lawful Money.

February 4. Last Saturday Night, was committed to the Goal in this town, a transient person, who one time says his name is Joseph Lightly, & at another, Joseph Pritty, neither of which names is supposed to be his right one—He was committed on suspicion of murdering a woman at Ware-River, (in the Massachusetts Colony) whom he had inveigled to sell what estate she had, and follow him—When the Wretch, to get rid of her, put an end to her life.—He is of a ruddy complexion, about five feet nine inches high, well built, and is supposed to be about thirty years old.---He is now in irons.

Primus, a Mollatto Man, who by Authority was sentenced to the Work house, contiguous to Hartford County Goal, and who (on account of his disorderly Conduct) was confined in close Goal, being taken with a Fit, or some Delirium, in the night next following the 27th ult. strip'd himself of his Blanket, and other Garments, extinguish'd his fire, scatter'd his Fire wood and Provisions about the room; and early the next Morning was found dead; he was left sufficiently provided for by the Goaler, (even in that extream Season) at about 8 o'Clock in the Evening.

Last Saturday died of an Apoplexy, Miss Mary Hooker, of this Town, an aged Maiden, near Seventy years old.

Some months since, one Mr. Hubbard, of Glassenbury, put up to fat, two Barrow-Hogs, (both of one Litter,) which he fed plentifully with Indian Corn, but they did'nt seem to fat any, tho' they grew larger, and after taking several fruitless Methods, for six Months, to make good Pork of them, he kill'd them a few Days ago—they weighed about eight Score a piece, tho' there was not one Pound of Fat in both of them; their Skins were near an Inch and Half thick, and each of their Harslets weighed forty Pounds.

Boston, February 11.

The Hon. SAMUEL WHITE, Esq; Speaker of the Honorable House of Representatives, being necessarily absent by reason of Sickness, the House on Monday last made Choice of the Hon. JAMES OTIS, Jun. Esq; to be Speaker *pro Tempore* for the present Session, and during the Absence of their SPEAKER.

The Surveyor-General has been pleased to appoint Mr. *Henry Paget* to be Searcher and Preventive Officer of his Majesty's Customs at Providence in the Colony of Rhode Island.

On Monday the 4th Instant, late at Night, the Dwelling House of Dr. *Harlow* at *Duxbury*, by some Accident unknown, took Fire, by which the House with all the Furniture, &c. was soon entirely consumed.---The Fire had got to such a head before it was discovered, that the Doctor and his Wife had but just Time to save their Lives; which he did, by going down the Stair-Case, (which was on Fire) and she by jumping out of the Chamber Window, naked as they came out of their Bed.---But the most sorrowful and affecting Circumstance of all, was, that two of their Children (tho' great Pains were used to save them) unhappily perished in the Flames. The eldest, about 13 Years old, the only Daughter of the Doctor; the youngest, about 11, the only Daughter of Mrs. *Harlow*. They lived in perfect agreement, and *in their Death they were not divided!*---The Loss sustained by Dr. *Harlow* by means of this awful Providence, is very great; for besides the Houshold Furniture (which was considerable) he has lost all their Wearing Apparel, together with all his Books, his Instruments and his Store of Medicines; which must certainly render the Circumstances of the Family *very pitiable indeed*, and be a strong excitement to *Christian Compassion*.

We hear from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, that last Tuesday Afternoon a Fire broke out in a House near the Mill-Dam, belonging to the Widow Pickering, but by timely Assistance was soon extinguished without doing any considerable Damage.

We hear that the French Neutrals (so called) who went from these parts last Fall, to Cape Francois, have been unable to endure the Heat of the Weather there, so different from the Climate to which they had heretofore lived in: That many died soon after their Arrival, and 'twas tho't but few would survive the Mortality that rag'd among them.

Monday Night last a Man was taken up at the North End on Suspicion of an Intention to rob two Women in the Street, two or three other Men were in Company with him, but put off upon the Woman's calling out, Robbers. On Examination before a Magistrate it did not appear there was any Intention of a Robbery; but it was judg'd he was guilty of an Assault, and was thereupon bound over to the Court of Sessions for the County of Suffolk.

The Brig mentioned in our last to be ashore near Squam, proves to be Capt. Clark, bound to Portsmouth. 'Tis said the Vessel will be lost, but most of the Cargo saved.

We hear from Springfield, that one Mr. Simons of that place, was froze to death, last saturday se'nnight.—He had been at work about a mile from his house, and at sun-set put on his snow-shoes, in order to return home; but not getting there that evening, search was made for him the next morning; when he was found, under a tree, in a sitting posture, with only one snow shoe on.---It is supposed he stopped under the tree, to mend the other snow-shoe, which he had with him, and was broke; but tarrying too long, got so benumb'd that he could not rise again. He has left a Widow, and several small Children.

We hear that the Rev. Mr. *Samuel Foxcroft*, was, on the 16th of last Month, ordained Pastor of the Church in *New-Glocester*. The Rev'd Mr. *Morrel* of *Biddeford* began with Prayer. The Rev'd Mr. *Smith*, of *Windham*, preached the Sermon (from *Eph.* 2. 20, 21, 22.) peculiarly adapted to the Occasion. The Rev'd Mr. *Dean*, of *Falmouth*, made the Prayer before the Charge, which was given by the Rev'd Mr. *Smith*, of *Falmouth*. The Rev'd Mr. *Brooks*, of *North-Yarmouth*, gave the Right hand of Fellowship. And the Rev'd Mr. *Fairfield*, of *Pepperrellborough*, concluded with Prayer.

Last Thursday se'nnight the Rev. Mr. *Pearley* was ordained at Hampton-Falls.

The late severe Weather prevented the Southern Mails, which were due on Saturday se'nnight, from arriving until last Wednesday Morning; they were dispatch'd again from the Post Office on Thursday, but are not expected to return till Saturday next.

Capt. Thomas Allen, in a Brig from Liverpool for this Port, put into Marblehead, last Friday, after a Passage of 11 Weeks.

We hear that Capt. Whitmarsh, in a Brig from the West-Indies for this Place, got into Penobscot, after meeting with very severe Weather upon this Coast, in which most of his Sails were tore to Pieces, and one of his Men was froze to Death upon Deck. He had been out 40 Days.

Port of Boston February 9. 1765.

Entred in. *Doane from Virginia.*

Outward-bound. *Chadwell for North-Carolina, Davis for New-Providence, Curtis for Europe.*

Cleared out. *Atwood for Halifax, Morton for North-Carolina, Brown for Barbados.*

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An honest Woman, that understands Cookery and other Houshold Affairs.—Enquire of the Printers.

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ALL Persons that are indebted to, or that have any Demands upon the Estate of Mr. *Jonathan Tyng*, late of *Charlestown*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Merchant, deceased, Intestate, are desired to bring them in immediately to *John Alford Tyng*, of *Dunstable*, in the County aforesaid, Administrator upon said Estate, or to Mr. *John Winslow*, of *Boston*, in the County of *Suffolk*, Merchant, in Order for a Settlement.

Dunstable, January 25, 1765.

All Persons that are indebted to the Estate of Mrs. *Elizabeth Clark*, late of *Boston*, Widow, deceased, are desired to make speedy Payment; and those that have any Demands on said Estate may receive their Dues by applying to

THEOPHILUS LILLIE, Administrator.

Sperma-Ceti Candles, warranted, English and Russia Duck, Raven's Duck, Ticklingburg and Oznabrigs, Mens and Boys Castor Hats, Boxes of Glass Ware, Kippen's Snuff, Pepper by the Bag, Tea, Looking-Glasses, English Feather Muffs and Tippets at 20*s.* Lawful Money, Lady's genteel Tweezer Cases, &c.

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In pound and half pound Cannisters, at *Two Dollars and a half* per Pound, which is cheaper than Bohea, not requiring a Third of the Quantity which is commonly used of Bohea,

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ALL Persons who have Demands on the Estate of Mr. *John Morley*, late of *Boston*, Merchant, deceased, are desired to bring in their Accompts, and all those who are indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate Payment to the Executrix, as she is determined to settle the Estate as soon as possible. Those indebted may depend on being sued to April Court, unless they prevent it by complying with the above Request.

Sarah Morley, sole Executrix.

These are to Notify the Proprietors of the Town of *Lyndeborough*, in the Province of *New-Hampshire*, that there will be a Meeting of the said Proprietors at the House of Mrs. *Pratt*, in *Salem*, on Wednesday the 13th Day of *February* next, at Two of the Clock Afternoon.

1. To receive the Report of the Committee who settled the Treasurer's Accounts of the two last Years Tax.

2. To raise such Sums of Money as shall be needful to pay ministerial and other Charges of the Proprietors.

3. To consider and agree on some other Method of calling Meetings.

Lastly. To consider what further may be necessary to carry on and perfect the Settlement.

Salem, 19 *January*, 1765. *B. Lynde*, *B. Pickman*, *Jos. Blaney.* } Committee.

Public Notice is hereby given, That the House of Representatives have appointed a Committee to receive and hear the Claims of all Persons to whom Lands have been granted by this Province, which have fallen into *New-Hampshire*:

And that the said Committee will set at the Court House in *Boston*, on Wednesday the Thirteenth Day of *February* next; where all Persons who desire it may be heard by them.

By Order of the Committee,

OXENBRIDGE THACHER.

High-Water at *BOSTON*, and Sun's Rising and Setting for the ensuing Week.

High-Water.	H.	M.	☉ *rises* H.	M.	☉ *sets* H.	M.
MONDAY,	4	28	6	52	5	8
TUESDAY,	5	20	6	50	5	10
WEDNESDAY,	6	12	6	49	5	11
THURSDAY,	7	6	6	48	5	12
FRIDAY,	7	48	6	47	5	13
SATURDAY,	9	34	6	46	5	14
SUNDAY,	10	20	6	44	5	16

Quart. Tuesday 5 even.

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